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Mission in Changing Times

Session I

- Keynote Speech, Bishop Robert
- What do we mean regarding mission
- Examples of Local Mission (Breakout Groups)
- Concluding remarks / summary
- Compline



- What do we mean regarding mission

In the Bible, the word "mission" refers to the work of bearing witness to Jesus and teaching his disciples through the Word. The word "mission" comes from the Latin verb *missio*, which means "to send". In the Greek New Testament, the word "mission" is translated from the Greek word *apostolē*, which also means "a sending"



■ What do we mean regarding mission

Mission is Often a Vague Word

The word “mission” has been widely used in recent decades, but its meaning is often vague and elusive. “Mission” seems to be a word that can mean whatever the speaker or writer wants it to mean, so it’s not clear people are always talking about the same thing. We end up with vague ideas about mission that adapt to the ideologies, theologies, tastes, and preferences of those discussing mission. Perhaps few words are more widely used in Christianity today than “mission”—yet the word’s meaning is vague and elusive and malleable to the theologies and ideologies of those who use it.



- What do we mean regarding mission

Mission Belongs to God, and We Participate in God's Mission (Missio Dei)



- What do we mean regarding mission

Mission is doing the work of Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit—proclaiming the gospel, making disciples, moving in the power and love of the Spirit, pursuing justice, serving others, embodying Christ through our presence, building communities of believers, caring for creation, suffering for righteousness.....



- What do we mean regarding mission

The world around us has changed significantly over recent years. So, as we live out our faith and seek to

1. Grow in numbers of disciples
2. Deepen the depth of discipleship
3. Offer loving service to the world

we need to learn new ways to engage with an ever-changing world.



- Local Examples of Mission

In break out groups, share with each other what is happening locally in terms of activities to

1. Grow in numbers of disciples
2. Deepen the depth of discipleship
3. Offer loving service to the world



- Concluding remarks

What do we take away to share with our Chaplaincies

- **Numbers**
- **Depth**
- **Service**

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